

QUARTERLY REPORT



CITY OF SUNNYVALE

WINTER 2008

CITY MANAGER AMY CHAN ANNOUNCES PENDING RETIREMENT

Sunnyvale City Manager Amy Chan has announced her intent to retire from the City, ending a nearly three-decade career. Chan's retirement, which was announced by City Council at their regular Tuesday evening meeting (December 11), will be effective once a new city manager has been identified and is ready to begin.

"This has been a long and sometimes bittersweet decision for me," Chan said. "I have been with the City for almost 27 years. I am proud of our City's accomplishments over this time span, and remain grateful for the tremendous support I have received from Council, City staff and our community."

Chan has served the City in various executive positions such as director of finance, assistant city manager, interim director of parks

and recreation, and currently as city manager. She has enjoyed a long string of successes as city manager, including stabilizing the long-term financial condition of the City; re-establishing credibility between Council, staff and the community; improving the City's labor relations; and completing the first community vision of the City's General Plan.

Perhaps Chan's most visible accomplishment has been to get the redevelopment of Sunnyvale's Town Center back on track. With Chan as city manager, a new developer was identified and the project is now well underway toward a 2009 completion.

Chan is quick to give credit to City staff, her "family-team," as she describes them, and stresses the importance of looking ahead.

"I am happy about the state of our City" Chan stated. "We have a very



talented workforce now, and we are financially sound. I am confident that with the new leadership, Sunnyvale will once again be recognized as a brilliant jewel that we can all be proud of." ☀

2007 ELECTION RESULTS

In November, Sunnyvale residents went to the polls to decide a number of items of importance to the City. Here are the results of that election:

Ballot Measures

- B (Library bond) Fail
- C (Council Term Limits) Pass
- D (Board, Commission Terms) Pass
- E (Board Vacancies) Pass
- F (Budget Review) Pass
- G (Excused Leave) Fail
- H (Mayor and Vice Mayor) Pass
- I (City Manager's Residence) Pass
- J (City Budget) Pass
- K (Outdated Material) Pass
- L (Outdated Material) Pass

Council Candidates

- Dave Whittum defeats Dean J. Chu (i)
- Ron Swegles (i) defeats Dixie Carnie
- Melinda Hamilton (i) defeats Patrick Meyering
- Otto Lee (i), unopposed

DOWNTOWN UPDATE TOWN & COUNTRY COMES TUMBLING DOWN

In the Town Center site, contractors have formed the interior streets that will recreate the original open street grid. Work on both garages (west of Target and west of Macy's) has moved from

the underground level through the ground level, with concrete pours ongoing. Concrete forms and reinforcing steel for the first floor are now clearly visible to the public over the construction fence. ☀



Heavy equipment makes short work of Town & Country as demolition starts the process of building a new retail and housing site.



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PURPLE EQUALS GREEN IN SUNNYVALE

We frequently associate PVC, galvanized and even copper pipes with plumbing systems that transport water to its destination. But what's with those purple pipes in Sunnyvale? Purple, as it turns out, is the universal color for recycled water.

Recycled water is highly-treated wastewater from homes and businesses. California's continuous population growth, along with its periodic drought conditions, have placed great demands on our water supply. To keep pace with this demand, Sunnyvale is making efficient use of our water resources through water recycling. The wastewater reaching the plant is treated, purified and disinfected.

Advanced treatment processes are then applied to further treat the water to a level that meets state requirements for non-drinking, non-potable purposes, such as irrigation. The water undergoes extensive testing to ensure that it meets strict standards set by the California Dept. of Public Health and the Regional Water Quality Control Board.

This highly-treated water is transported in purple pipes to commercial and industrial locations, golf courses, athletic fields and parks in the north end of Sunnyvale for use in landscape irrigation. The Water Pollution Control Plant currently diverts about 15 percent of its treated wastewater to recycled use. Because recycled water is not for human consumption, the purple pipes that transport recycled

water are completely separate from our fresh water and wastewater systems. Additionally, pipes carrying recycled water are clearly marked to eliminate any confusion. The City maintains and operates the system, and customers using recycled water for landscape irrigation purchase the water at a discounted rate.

How much water is recycled?

Currently, the project has about 100 customers, and provides about 2,078 acre-feet of water per year, nearly 8 percent of the City's total water demand. An acre-foot is about 326,000 gallons, the amount of water a family of five uses in a year. Business customers in the north end of Sunnyvale with questions about using recycled water for landscape irrigation should contact Public Works at (408) 730-7510, TDD (408) 730-7501.

A Wise Use of Limited Resources

Using recycled water is cost-effective, reliable and good for the environment. It saves our precious drinking water supply for a growing population. Instead of sending all the treated wastewater into creeks and rivers, Sunnyvale meets the demands of our business community by recycling the water through a separate set of pipes for landscape irrigation. Sunnyvale is working to reduce demands on our potable water system by providing water conservation and water recycling programs. ♻️



Photo: Adam Levermore-Rich

COUNCIL STUDY/BUDGET ISSUES PUBLIC HEARING AND WORKSHOP MOVED TO JANUARY 2008

To provide Council with more time to evaluate proposed study and budget issues for 2008, the 2008 Study/Budget Issues Council public hearing and workshop have been scheduled as follows:

Public Hearing
Tuesday, January 8, at 7 p.m.

Workshop
Friday, January 25, at 8:30 a.m.

The study issue process assists City Council with setting priorities for the calendar year. Topics are issues proposed for in-depth staff study to allow better-informed future Council decisions. They can be raised by Council, boards and commissions, or staff. Proposed issues are submitted throughout the year and prioritized at the annual Council workshop. Each department then plans its workload for the coming year based on the Council ranking.

The study issues public hearing is held annually to gather public

comment on proposed study issues, and is an opportunity for members of the public and the City's board and commission representatives to share their priorities with Council. The public hearing also provides Council with the opportunity to introduce new issues based on public comment and request revisions to issues. The public hearing is scheduled for January 8, and will be conducted as part of the Council agenda that evening; the Council meeting begins at 7 p.m. At the Council study/budget

issues workshop, department directors present their departments' issues, and Council ranks, defers or drops the issues. At the end of the workshop, final ranking reports are posted on the City's Web site and made available in hard copy in Council Chambers. The workshop is scheduled for Friday, January 25, at 8:30 a.m. in Council Chambers.

For more information, visit StudyIssues.inSunnyvale.com or contact Intergovernmental Relations Officer Yvette Agredano at (408) 730-7480, TDD (408) 730-7501. ♻️

NEW SMaRT STATION® OPERATOR

GreenTeam-Zanker has operated the SMaRT Station since 2000. Bay Counties Waste Services has been selected to take over operation of the SMaRT Station facility for seven years, beginning January 1.

Disposal rates and recycling drop-off center hours of operation will remain the same: 8 a.m. – 5 p.m., seven days a week except January 1, Thanksgiving and December 25.

SUNNYVALE ANALYSIS BEGINS ON ONIZUKA REUSE OPTIONS

This past spring, Sunnyvale completed the first phase of a multi-year planning effort by adopting five conceptual options for civilian reuse of Onizuka Air Force Station (AFS), following its scheduled 2011 closure.

Sunnyvale's Onizuka Local Redevelopment Authority (LRA) approved the unanimous recommendation of the Onizuka Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) to consider five reuse options. The options include low-density offices, corporate headquarters, a hotel/conference center, a retail auto mall and two homeless-housing proposals that require consideration under federal statute. The LRA and the CAC are committed to creating a balanced reuse plan that best meets community needs. The City will explore the feasibility of these options, their environmental and economic impacts,

and alternatives for the Department of Veterans Affairs – which has priority under federal law – and the two housing agencies.

The City hired an independent consultant to assess site alternatives for residential development. The analysis identified the City-owned National Guard Armory site, located at 620 E. Maude Ave. near Fair Oaks Park, as being the most appropriate public site for developing multi-family residences. The armory is currently used during the winter to provide a cold weather emergency shelter. The change of its use to residential development would help address the City's needs for affordable housing and would revitalize the site. The City's Consolidated Plan, which identifies City goals for homeless housing and analysis of alternative sites, is posted on the Web at Onizuka.inSunnyvale.com. Public hearings will be held in

January to seek public participation and LRA direction for next steps.

The Department of Defense's (DOD) Office of Economic Adjustment has funded a grant for a consultant – slated to begin in early 2008 – to analyze the five conceptual reuse options. The final phase – implementing the adopted reuse strategy once the DOD has issued its decision – is not expected until 2011.

Community members are encouraged to join the dialog with both the LRA and CAC to help form a community consensus and vision for the future of the Onizuka property. To find out more about the reuse planning effort, including dates and times of upcoming meetings, visit the City's Onizuka Web page at Onizuka.InSunnyvale.com, e-mail RSwitzer@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us or call (408) 730-7739, TDD (408) 730-7501. ☎

VOLUNTEERING WHEN DISASTER STRIKES

When a disaster strikes, they will come.

This is the mantra for disaster service workers, describing the countless volunteers who appear with offers to help following any major emergency or disaster. We've seen this following hurricane Katrina, as a result of the Southern California fires, and in our own area, in the days after the 1989 Loma Prieta earthquake.

Disaster volunteers are a wonderful resource, but can also get in the way of first responders if not coordinated with the local emergency management organization (EMO). The City of Sunnyvale is part of the national emergency response system that ties federal, state and local agencies together to provide an organized system of dealing with disasters. This has become a well-established structure with a common language and communications system across all entities.

A large part of this emergency response effort is the activation of an emergency volunteer center (EVC) to coordinate and manage the many volunteers who will be needed to return the City and local region back to normal. Volunteers play a vital role by adding more people-power to the work that City staff and local agencies perform during relief efforts. For example, volunteers may be needed at sandbag-filling sites to avert potential flooding, or at some of the local senior care facilities to assist residents with feeding and care. Depending on an individual's background, they could also assist at medical sites, provide office and clerical assistance to process the large amount of information that

will develop, or provide manual labor in various parts of the City. In other words, any and all skills that volunteers can provide may be needed.

During a disaster, the City's Communications Division will inform the public where the EVC will be located, along with details such as the types of skills needed and hours of operation. One of the goals of the EVC is to provide an efficient and effective clearinghouse for community needs immediately following a disaster, and to protect the volunteers who may be asked to serve. The EVC will be able to provide critical information to the volunteers, and will ensure that volunteers are not assigned duties that would put them in danger or would interfere with first responders.

The City has been actively preparing for a disaster. On November 14, an emergency preparedness drill was held in conjunction with the State of California that involved a number of local cities and agencies. An EVC was activated, and more than 30 volunteers participated, testing our system. With continued training and practice, City staff responsible for the EVC will be ready for future emergencies.

For more information on how you and your neighbors can prepare for a disaster, visit SNAP.inSunnyvale.com. To register as a City volunteer and offer your services in the event of an emergency, please contact Volunteer Resources at (408) 730-7533, TDD (408) 730-7501 or Volunteering.inSunnyvale.com. ☎





In this photo from the Associated press – one of millions available through the Sunnyvale public Library Web site – a Palestinian demonstrator argues with an Israeli soldier.

SEARCH 3.5 MILLION PHOTOS ON THE LIBRARY WEB SITE

The Library has recently added a new resource from the Associated Press to its Web site. If you are looking for a photograph or other graphic to dress up a report, presentation or newsletter, or just want to look at photos in the news, AP Images is the database for you.

AP Images contains more than 3.5 million news photographs from the 1840s through today, with more than 3,000 photos added daily. Also



available are more than 100,000 graphics, including maps, timelines, logos and graphs. Searching AP Images is easy; you can search on the name of a person, place or thing, or use some of the boxed searches, such as all the top photos of the week, or photos from sports or entertainment. Move your cursor over a picture and a caption will appear, telling you about it. What do Isaac Newton and ping pong balls have in common? Do a search on

either, read the caption and all will become clear. All content from AP Images may be downloaded and used for educational purposes. To use AP Images, visit SunnyvaleLibrary.org, click on *Research Online* and then on *Databases*. Scroll down and under *Information and News Databases* you will see AP Images. You will need a Sunnyvale Library card to access the database. Take a moment to discover the many features of this new database. We think you will find it both useful and entertaining. ☼

LIBRARY RECEIVES TWO GRANT AWARDS TO SUPPORT PRESCHOOL LITERACY PROGRAMS IN SUNNYVALE

Children who attend preschools and day care centers in Sunnyvale are reaping the benefits of two grants that were recently awarded to the Sunnyvale Public Library.

Tales for Tots

The Satterberg Foundation of Seattle is funding a third year of the Tales for Tots program, featuring story programs presented by

Sunnyvale librarians at day care homes and preschools. The Tales for Tots program aims to share a love of reading, books and learning with preschoolers and to impart techniques for developing reading-readiness and literacy skills to parents, care providers and preschool teachers. Since 2005, librarians have shared stories, puppets, fingerplays and songs with children, child care providers and preschool teachers

four times a year, for a total of about 180 story programs. Librarians carefully selected materials for each site and include both picture book classics and the best of new children's books. A workshop to teach language acquisitions skills is also held for child care providers and teachers. Providers and teachers were eager to continue the Tales for Tots visits for a third year, and other caregivers and teachers, hearing of the program's success, were anxious to sign up. Thanks to the Satterberg Foundation, the story programs will continue in 2008. A special workshop on child development, children's literature or a related subject will be offered for parents of preschoolers, caregivers and preschool teachers.

In The Bag

The *In The Bag ... Stories for Children to Grow* program also provides special services for children in child care centers and preschools in Sunnyvale. Funded by a federal Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) grant through the California State Library's Early Literacy for Families (ELF) program, the In the Bag... grant supports deliveries of books selected specifically by librarians based on profiles prepared by child care providers and preschool teachers. Throughout the year, participating day care homes and preschools will also receive enrichment tools, such as activity sheets, musical instruments or puppets, to help with their literacy programs. Time will be provided on some visits for librarians to demonstrate reading activities. Library staff will also offer two or more special events at the Library, involving literature for young children and families, such as a puppet show or program featuring an interactive storyteller.

For more information, call the Library at (408) 730-7300, TDD (408) 730-7501. ☼

LIBRARY RECEIVES NATIONAL AND STATE RECOGNITION

National Award for Sunnyvale Library Stories by Phone

The Sunnyvale Public Library Dial-a-Story service has been voted best in the nation by users of the DialAStory.info Web site. In addition to receiving the most votes, many of the write-in comments mentioned the "wonderful", "expressive voice" and "actress-quality voice" of the Library staff members reading the stories. DialAStory.info is a free Web site that provides detailed information about stories playing on the Dial-a-Story service of hundred of libraries across the nation.

Two Awards Received for Publicity and Outreach Efforts

The California Library Association recently presented the Sunnyvale Public Library with two awards for public relations. The association's Public Relations and Marketing Committee reviews entries from libraries throughout California and determines the best publicity materials produced in several categories, including programming, news and information and advocacy. Within each category, winners are selected for libraries with budgets of less than \$5 million, between \$5 million and \$10 million, and more than \$10 million. The Library received a PR Excellence award in the Programming category for its podcast site www.librarypodcasts.org. Launched in early 2006, the site offers the ability to listen or watch Library programs, download to a computer or MP3 player and subscribe to future programs podcasts through an RSS feed or directly from the iTunes music store. In addition to programs, stories from residents of what life was like in early Sunnyvale are available. All content accessible on the site is free. A second PR Excellence award was given for the collection of materials relating to the Library of the Future project, an effort to plan for the community's library needs to 2030. Through all phases of the project, communication was of critical importance. Materials developed to facilitate that communication included a project Web site, news releases, a podcast, e-mails, flyers, bookmarks, displays, articles in various Library's newsletter and the City's *Quarterly Report*, utility bill inserts, brochures and blogs.

For All City Services, TDD Access
(408) 730-7501

LIBRARY PROGRAMS

KIDS’ PROGRAMS

Cuentos en Español

Saturday, January 26; February 23;
March 22,
2 p.m.

Family Story Time

Saturday, January 5 and 19;
February 2; March 1 and 15,
10:30 am

Lapsit for Babies

Tuesday, January 15 and 29;
February 12 and 26; March 11 and 25,
11 a.m.

Night Owl Story Time

Thursday, January 10 and 24;
February 7 and 21; March 6 and 20,
7 p.m.

Preschool Story Time

Thursday, January 17, 24 and 31;
February 7, 14 and 21, 11 a.m.

A program for 3, 4 and 5-year olds who can participate in group activity without a parent or caregiver. The parent or caregiver may remain in the room for the first day only. This session will focus on early literacy through music. Required registration begins on Saturday, January 5.

Thursday, March 6, 13, 20 and 27,
11 a.m. (session continues in April)

This session will focus on learning Spanish through song. Required registration begins on Thursday, February 21.

Stories for 1’s

Tuesday, January 8 and 22;
February 5 and 19; March 4 and 18,
11 a.m.

Time for Tales

Monday, January 14 and 28;
February 11 and 25;
March 10 and 24, 11 a.m.

For ages 3 – 5.

Toddler Time

Wednesday, January 9 and 23; February
6 and 20; March 5 and 19, 11 a.m.

Wednesday, January 2, 16 and 30; February
13 and 27; March 12 and 26, 7 p.m.

For ages 2 – 3½.

TEEN PROGRAMS

Board Games

Saturday, January 12;
February 9; March 8,
2 p.m.

Anyone in 5th grade and up is welcome to come and play board games with others. The Library will supply many kinds of board games, so come and join us for a great time.

Film Discussion Group

Tuesday, January 8; February
5; March 4, 7 p.m.

Love watching movies? Teens in 7th grade and older and interested adults are welcome to join these free screenings of great films.

Teen Talk

Tuesday, January 15;
February 19; March 18, 7 p.m.

A book discussion group for teens in grades 6 – 11. Refreshments provided.

Yarn Days

Monday, January 14 and 28;
February 11 and 25;
March 10 and 24, 3 p.m. – 5 p.m.

Learn to knit or crochet. Teens and interested adults are welcome to bring their yarn projects to the Library Program Room and have fun while working on them. If you want to learn how, bring some yarn. We’ll supply the knitting needles or crochet hooks and teach you how.

ADULT SPECIAL PROGRAMS

Silicon Valley Reads: Author Bo Caldwell

Monday, February 25, 7:30 p.m.

Author Bo Caldwell will speak about her book, The Distant Land of My Father, the book selection for Silicon Valley Reads 2008. This debut novel from a Cupertino author tells the story of betrayal and reconciliation spanning several years and two continents.

LITERATURE PROGRAMS

Monthly Book Group

Thursday, January 17;
February 21; March 20, 7 p.m.

The third Thursday of every month, enjoy the fellowship of readers as you share impressions of books selected by the group, discovering new viewpoints and deepening your reading experience. The group meets at 7 p.m. in the Library Program Room. All are welcome.

Read-Along Shakespeare

Monday, January 7;
February 4; March 3, 7 p.m.

Gather in the Library Program Room at 7 p.m. with other fans of Shakespeare to read his works and gain new appreciation of these timeless masterpieces. All are welcome.

Monday, January 7, 7 p.m.
Henry VI, Part 1

Monday, February 4, 7 p.m.
Henry VI, Part 2

Monday, March 3, 7 p.m.
The Merry Wives of Windsor

ADULT CLASSES

Adult classes in the Library are a great way to get a free introduction to the Library and its resources, including how to use computers and the Internet, fast becoming one of life’s necessities. Each

class is one session, and meets in the Library Program Room unless otherwise noted.

Focus on Trademarks

Tuesday, February 26,
2 p.m. – 4 p.m.

Explore trademark information available on the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office Web site. Find filing instructions, fees, tutorials and guides. Learn about researching names and logos.

Genealogy Databases

Thursday, January 17,
2 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Find the information you want in minutes. Learn effective search techniques, discuss search engines and indexes and discover great places to start your search.

Tips for Using the USPTO Web site with an Emphasis on Patents

Tuesday, January 29,
2 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

If you’re an inventor, business owner, entrepreneur, intellectual property professional, researcher or just interested in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office Web site, this class is for you. With an emphasis on patent research, this orientation to *www.uspto.gov* will help you locate forms, fees, file histories, status information, scam prevention and complaints, links to related sites and a brief review of patent searching.

FREE ONLINE HOMEWORK HELP ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE

Library Receives Grant to Fund a Second Year of Access

Puzzled by a tough homework assignment? Help is as near as your home computer or an Internet workstation at the Sunnyvale Public Library. Students from grades 4 – 12 and college introduction-level may simply visit the Library or its Web site at www.sunnyvalelibrary.org from their home PC to get immediate, free help from qualified tutors. Live Homework Help is an online tutoring service from Tutor.com that connects students to expert tutors in math, science, social studies and English via the Internet. Spanish-speaking tutors are available in math and science. In the 2006/07 school year, more than one million students nation-wide completed Live Homework Help sessions. The Library received a Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) grant from the California State Library to fund access to Live Homework Help for FY 2007/08.

Log on and Learn

This free service allows students to connect to an expert tutor either from Sunnyvale Public Library or from their home computer with a library card, seven days a week from 1 p.m. to 10 p.m.. Access to a Spanish-speaking tutor is available Sunday – Thursday from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m.. Live Homework Help is easy to use; children and teens simply go to the Library’s Web site, click on the *Live Homework Help* link and then enter their grade level and the subject in which they need help. In just a few minutes, students are connected to a tutor in an online classroom for one-to-one help in math (elementary, algebra, geometry, trigonometry and calculus), science (elementary, earth science, biology, chemistry and physics), social studies (American history, world history, political science and more), and English (spelling, grammar, essay writing and book reports).

“We are pleased that Sunnyvale Public Library has received a California State Library LSTA grant that allows us to offer this free service to our students in Sunnyvale” said Library Director Deborah Barrow.

Learn from Expert Tutors in an Online Classroom

Students and tutors can review specific homework questions, as well as subject-specific concepts using features such as controlled chat, an interactive white board and shared Web browsing in the online classroom. Tutors can type math equations using a special math tool, share educational Web sites and much more for a rewarding learning experience. All tutors are certified teachers, college professors, professional tutors or graduate school students from across the country. Every tutor has completed a comprehensive training program and a third-party background check.



SENIOR TRIPS

The Senior Center trip program is offering another wonderful series of exciting day-long and extended trips. The day trips are led by two volunteer escorts and depart from the Senior Center on Royal Coach's deluxe motorcoaches. The extended trips are led by Sunnyvale's Senior Center trip specialist and include round-trip transportation departing from the Senior Center, deluxe hotel accommodations, most meals, narrated tours and gratuities for services provided.

Whether you participate in a daylong trip, an overnight bus trip, a cruise or an extended trip of many nights, you'll have an opportunity to meet new friends, see some great sights and return home with wonderful memories. Select a trip from one of the nine day-long trips offered each quarter, or one of our extended trips, and we'll handle the rest.

Trip information is listed on the Web at *Seniors.inSunnyvale.com*, in the Senior Center's quarterly *Steppin' Out Messenger* newsletter and in the Senior Center's quarterly *Activity Guide*. If you are not currently receiving these publications, and would like to, contact the Sunnyvale Senior Center at (408) 730-7360, TDD (408) 730-7501.

Wonder Valley Tuesday, April 8 – Thursday April 10

Our first stop will be in Madera at the Quady Winery for a tour, tasting and a visit to their gift shop. They specialize in dessert and aperitif wines made from Muscat grapes. Our next stop is Wonder Valley Ranch Resort for a two-night stay. The first day we'll spend touring the ranch and partaking in their activities. The next day, after breakfast, we'll take a 40-minute drive to Sequoia National Forest/Kings Canyon Park. We'll spend time at the visitor's center and gift shop, enjoy a box lunch, and a walking tour around the magnificent trees, including General Grant, the oldest living thing in the world. The next morning we will depart Wonder Valley Resort Ranch and stop in Fresno to visit Forestiere's Underground Gardens, which includes a home, library, fish pond, aquarium, courts, patios, passageways, chapel and more. Then we'll go to Hillmar Cheese Company for a tour and lunch before heading home.

This three-day, two-night trip includes: round-trip motorcoach transportation from Sunnyvale Senior Center, accommodations, tours and admissions per itinerary, comprehensive sightseeing, six meals (two breakfasts, two lunches, two dinners), baggage handling for one suitcase per person, gratuities for services provided and trip insurance.

Price: \$514 per person, double occupancy, \$602 single occupancy.

Deposit: \$200, with balance due February 21.

Date of pre-trip meeting is yet to be determined. All passengers will be notified about the meeting.

Switzerland to Belgium Cruise

Saturday, May 24 –
Sunday, June 8

Join us as we travel through five countries on five rivers, including the legendary Rhine, where we'll see more medieval castles than in other any other river valley in the world. We'll begin in Switzerland's fascinating Basel, then discover Germany's enchanting Black Forest region and France's Strasbourg. In Germany, we'll cruise through castle-



dotted landscapes as we explore the Rhine's famous wine region. We'll stop in Rudesheim and Cologne, then motor to the Netherlands and explore Amsterdam's picturesque canals and fabulous museums, continue on to Belgium and the wonderful medieval cities of Brugge and Antwerp. This cruise truly shows us the treasures of the Rhine. We'll be traveling with Viking River Cruises, voted #1 River Cruise Line. We'll enjoy escorted tours with complimentary personal headsets so we won't miss any fascinating details while on a shore excursion.

Trip includes group trip cancellation and medical insurance, transportation from Senior Center to SFO, round-trip airfare and skycaps from SFO to Europe, all taxes and fuel surcharges, all transfers, all meals on board and shore excursion in each town with English-speaking guides. You must have a passport that is valid through December 8, 2008, to travel on this trip. Note there is extensive walking, sometimes on cobblestone or uneven ground.

Prices of the cabins are listed in the trip flyer, available at the Senior Center.

Date of pre-trip meeting is yet to be determined. All passengers will be notified about the meeting.

Pageant of the Masters Last week in July or early August 2008

If you are interested in finding out more about this trip, please put your name and phone number on our interest list by calling (408) 730-7360, or stopping by the Senior Center front office. We will contact you once we have a flyer for this trip.

American Heritage Thursday, October 9 – Saturday, October 18

Our first destination is a two-night stay at Niagara Falls for an area tour, including the Floral Clock and Horticultural Center, Niagara Lake and Welland Canal, a boat ride on the Maid of the Mist, and a dinner show, *"Ob Canada Eh?"* Then we depart through eastern New York for a two-night stay in historic Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, where we'll see Independence Hall, the Liberty Bell, and the Constitution Interactive Center. The next day we'll visit the estate of President James Buchanan, Wheatland, then

visit an Amish farm and house to learn about their faith, culture and way of life. We'll also enjoy a traditional Amish family style dinner. The next morning, we'll visit Gettysburg National Military Park and spend the night in Shenandoah Valley. The next day, we travel to Monticello, the home of President Thomas Jefferson, and then travel to Williamsburg for a three-night stay. We'll visit historic Yorktown and tour the Yorktown Battlefield and visitor's center. We'll explore the 400-year-old settlement of Jamestown and learn about the first English settlement in the New World. The next day, we'll have time on our own to visit Colonial Williamsburg, a 173-acre living history museum with its visitor's center, 88 restored and reconstructed 18th Century buildings, costumed townspeople and witness craftsmen demonstrations. This evening we'll have a traditional colonial farewell dinner. The next morning, we'll travel through Virginia's capital to Richmond, the Capital of the Confederacy, as we make our way to Washington D.C. for our flight home.

This 10-day, nine-night trip includes round-trip airport transfers from Sunnyvale Senior Center, airfare, hotel accommodations, tours and admissions per itinerary, comprehensive sightseeing, 14 meals (nine breakfasts, five dinners), a professional tour director, baggage handling, gratuities for services provided and trip insurance.

Price: \$2,828 per person double occupancy, \$3,578 single occupancy.

Deposit: \$300, with balance due July 25.

The slide show for this trip will be on registration day, December 12, at 10 a.m. in the Senior Center's Apricot Room. 🌐

GET ACTIVE YOUR WAY AT THE SENIOR CENTER

Interested in a computer class? Have you tried Pilates or Tai Chi? How about releasing your creativity on a clay project or a quilt? Whatever your heart desires, the Sunnyvale Senior Center is here to help you get active your way. Now is your opportunity to become a member or renew your membership.

If you are 50 or older, you are invited to experience the many benefits of the Center. Members enjoy all of the Center's amenities, including the use of the fitness room, billiard room and computer lab. In addition the Center offers:

- A wide array of enrichment classes to challenge the mind, body and spirit, including ceramics, arts, literature, painting, drawing and fitness classes.
- Trips throughout the greater Bay Area, and extended travel nationwide and abroad.
- Drop-in programs such as bridge, games, table tennis and movies. The Oak lounge is always open to relax with a newspaper, enjoy a cup of coffee and meet new friends.

- Free member services such as blood pressure screening, employment services, health insurance counseling and notary services.*
- Delicious lunch made fresh daily by Culinary Magic Catering services.

Benefits of being a member include:

- Priority registration for classes, activities and trips
- Priority access to member services

- Discounted rates on special events and lunches
 - Quarterly mailing of Activity Guide or trip newsletter
- The Membership fee for is \$20 for residents and \$30 for non-residents and is valid until December, 2008.
- For more information call the Sunnyvale Senior Center at (408) 730-7360, TDD (408) 730-7501 or visit Seniors.inSunnyvale.com. The Center is located next door to the Recreation Center at 550 E. Remington Drive, Sunnyvale. ☎

REGISTER FOR SUNNYVALE CLASSES ONLINE

The City of Sunnyvale now offers an easier way for the community to register for any of more than 200 class or camp options. It's online registration, and signing up has never been easier, quicker or more convenient. This new service allows people to access registration for Sunnyvale recreation classes and activities 24-hours a day, seven days a week, from any computer connected to the Internet.

This new service, available at RecreationClasses.inSunnyvale.com, allows users to search activities, review program details, print receipts and view the number of openings remaining in a class. Before using the system for the first time, new users will need to register to receive a household ID number. More information on how to apply for a household ID number is available by calling the Sunnyvale Community Center at (408) 730-7350, TDD (408) 730-7501.

2008 EVENINGS OF CULTURAL ARTS PERFORMANCES BRING WORLD TALENT TO NEIGHBORHOOD VENUE

The City of Sunnyvale is pleased to present the following Evening of Cultural Arts Series performances as part the 17th season of eclectic arts offerings at the intimate Sunnyvale Theatre, located at the Community Center, 550 E. Remington Drive, between El Camino Real and Sunnyvale-Saratoga Road. The 2007/08 season is sponsored in part by *The Sunnyvale Sun* newspaper.

Baguette Quartette — French Accordion Music

On January 12, the music and ambiance of the Baguette Quartette turns Sunnyvale Theatre into a Parisian café, circa 1940. Accordionist and music scholar Odile Lavault leads this period band in re-creating popular French songs of the decades between world wars. Musette, an amalgamation of French folk music and Gypsy swing which flourished in rough-and-tumble Paris dance halls, is the group's specialty. Their repertoire includes foxtrots, paso dables, tangos, mazurka-like javas and "realistic songs," sentimental ballads depicting the life of a tragic heroine.

Patrick Ball — Celtic Harper and Storyteller

Celtic harper and storyteller Patrick Ball returns to Sunnyvale

Theatre February 9, with his new show, *The Legend of Tristan and Iseult*. This modern-day bard, a Sunnyvale favorite for 17 years, uses only his words and his enchanting harp music to conjure one of the greatest legends of medieval Europe. Ball's newest evening-length tale brims with love, passion, magic and tragedy, when a king's most trusted knight and the Irish princess who will become his future queen accidentally ingest a love potion. Unable to resist its effects, the pair can only hope to keep their romance a secret from the king.

Sasha Dobson — Brazilian-American Jazz

Up-and-coming jazz singer Sasha Dobson returns to the Bay Area from New York for her Sunnyvale Theatre debut on March 15. Last year, *Time Magazine* declared her "worth a listen" with songs that "go down as easily as a frozen margarita," and NPR predicted "amazing success ahead of her." Sasha's CD *Modern Romance*, released in 2006, includes both originals and unlikely covers, "Mood Indigo" by Duke Ellington, to "Modern Romance," by the Yeah Yeah Yeah's.

Craicmore — Contemporary Traditional Celtic Music

The 2007/08 Evenings of Cultural

Arts series wraps up April 5 with the Sunnyvale debut of contemporary traditional Celtic band Craicmore, performing traditional tunes so beautiful that Irish folklore credits faeries as the composers.

Lead singer Nancy's Johnstone's deep, velvety voice, unique in the genre, has become a signature of the Los Angeles-based group. Craicmore uses traditional Celtic instruments, accented with four-part harmonies, rhythmic hardshoe dancing, an East Indian *shruti* box and Australian *didgeridoo*, played by former Wicker Tinkers percussionist John MacAdams.

All Evenings of the Cultural Arts programs are on Saturdays at 8 p.m. Individual tickets for all shows are \$25 general admission and \$20 for students and seniors with ID. For more information, call Sunnyvale Theatre at (408) 730-7725.

The City of Sunnyvale encourages people with disabilities to participate in City activities. The City will make reasonable efforts to accommodate people with disabilities in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. If you require special accommodations, call (408) 730-7725, TDD (408) 730-7501, at least five days in advance. ☎



TRAINING THE SOLAR WORKFORCE



The solar technology industry in Silicon Valley is booming. In recent years, California voters have passed propositions allocating billions of dollars to clean energy and infrastructure development. This guaranteed funding ensures that these sectors will experience healthy job growth over the coming years.

A healthy workforce, however, is not solely dependent upon job growth; it must also focus on turnover and projected loss of workers. The impending mass retirement of the Baby Boom generation — already begun — has resulted in a situation in which

even industries on the decline soon will be in great need of skilled workers. In the clean energy and utilities industries, this is further compounded by the lack of appropriate training programs, which will soon result in serious challenges to filling these critical openings. These workforce issues must be addressed in order to ensure that the region's blossoming status as a leader in the global solar industry is assured.

In response to this need, an industry-driven regional collaborative has been created to develop a local comprehensive training program. This effort, led by De Anza College, brings together community

colleges, economic development and workforce development organizations, and most importantly, employers and industry leaders from throughout Silicon Valley. Beginning this spring, classes in solar photovoltaic design and installation will be offered at both San Jose City College and Cabrillo College in Aptos, with additional services provided by De Anza, Foothill, Mission, Ohlone and West Valley Colleges. The classroom portion of this accelerated program will be complemented with a paid internship component allowing graduates to qualify for entry-level certification from the North American Board of Certified Energy Practitioners.

In a recent article, the *Palo Alto Daily News* stated that "new energy workforce training programs might be developed by the University of California and state college systems, but community colleges are the perfect vehicle for this kind of training due to their ability to nimbly respond to technological changes." With this innovative new training program, this local collaborative hopes to prove this theory correct.

For more information on this groundbreaking program, contact Dr. Kathy Werle, San Jose City College's dean of applied sciences, at (408) 288-3781. ☎

LET THE GREEN BUSINESS PROGRAM WORK FOR YOUR COMPANY

Is your business already doing a great job at reducing waste, conserving energy and water and preventing pollution? Are you interested in finding out how it can make improvements in one or all of these areas?

The Santa Clara County Green Business Program is a no-cost program that can help your company identify measures already in place and discover additional measures that can improve your operations and even save money. To become a certified "Green Business," a business must be in compliance with environmental regulations and meet program standards for conserving energy and water, preventing pollution and minimizing waste.

More than 1,000 businesses have been certified in the Bay Area so far. The City of Sunnyvale will be honoring its newly certified Green Businesses at a City Council meeting this April in honor of Earth Day.

To sign up or for more information, contact the Santa Clara County Green Business Program at (408) 282-3160, or visit <http://greenbiz.sccgov.org>.

CALIFORNIA'S WATER: A GROWING CRISIS



The public education program, "California's Water: A Crisis We Can't Ignore," focuses the public's attention on the problems facing the state's water system. Sponsored by public water agencies throughout the state, the program helps Californians understand the complex issues behind our state's deepening water crisis.

The problems California faces are serious and growing. From court-ordered and state-issued supply reductions to increased demands due to more people to an aging and fragile infrastructure, all regions of California will soon feel the effects of our water troubles.

In late summer, a federal court ordered the state's largest water systems to cut deliveries by one-third to protect an endangered fish species, the Delta Smelt. This significant reduction in water supply, potentially the single largest court-ordered reduction in California's history, will be experienced in the Bay Area, Central and Southern California.

Additionally, the California Department of Water Resources recently issued a bleak forecast for 2008 water delivery allocations that calls for state water project contractors to receive just 25 percent of their requested supplies. The allocation, which is significantly less than the 60 percent supply initially projected

for calendar year 2007, is due to dry conditions and operational constraints at the state water project pumping facilities in the Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta.

In fact, water agencies from San Francisco to Los Angeles to San Diego already have asked their customers to cut back on their water use. In Long Beach, water officials have already imposed mandatory water restrictions.

But urban communities are not the only ones who will feel impact of the court-ordered cutbacks. Some farmers in the San Joaquin Valley, Inland Empire and San Diego regions have abandoned crop planting this coming winter and spring because of water supply restrictions.

State leaders are acutely concerned about the future of the California's water supply. On the heels of the Delta Smelt court decision, Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger called the state's water system "broken, unreliable and in crisis" and the cutback order "a devastating blow to our water supply system and economy."

This past summer, Schwarzenegger and U.S. Senator Dianne Feinstein hosted a bi-partisan water summit to call attention to the broken Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta system. Feinstein agreed with the governor's concern about the state's water supply and delivery system, saying that if the Delta were to collapse due to a major earthquake, "there would be no water for

drinking, there would be no water for agriculture, there would be no water for fish, marsh, ecosystems."

Some people hope the state can avoid feeling the pressures of these mounting problems simply by using less water. More conservation is definitely needed and it is an extremely valuable water management tool. However, the collective impacts of court-ordered supply reductions, drought, climate change, increased population demands and/or potential natural disasters mean that conservation alone will not solve this crisis.

Water managers are also worried about a prolonged, statewide drought. This year was one of the driest years on record. Another record-dry year, combined with the cutbacks, will spell disaster for a system that already struggles to meet the needs of people and the environment. Couple this fact with the recent fires that have swept throughout California; fighting them to protect life and property is tapping into valuable water reserves that were already low.

Never before has the state's water system faced the troubles it faces today. It is critical that all Californians take the state's water problems seriously. We simply cannot afford to ignore this crisis-California's present and future economy, environment and quality of life depend on a reliable water system.

For more information, please visit www.calwatercrisis.org. ☎

STAY SAFE: PREVENTION IS YOUR BEST DEFENSE

The Sunnyvale Department of Public Safety (DPS) is committed to our community’s safety. DPS provides programs, services and educational opportunities regarding safety, but residents can help lower their risk of becoming victims by following these few simple safety tips. As always, DPS encourages you to use common sense and follow your instincts when it comes to personal safety.

At Your Home

- Have good locks on your doors and windows – and use them.
- Don’t hide spare keys in easily accessible places. Criminals will find them.
- Don’t let strangers into your home to use the telephone. Offer to make the call for them.
- Ask for photo identification of

- all repair persons. If you are still suspicious, call to verify employment.
- Never give personal information to telephone solicitors.
 - Don’t use your full name on your mailbox, answering machine or in the phone directory.
 - Know which neighbors you can trust in an emergency.
 - Have lights at all entrances and turn them on after dark.

While You Are Out

- Always travel in groups.
- Don’t carry a lot of money.
- Be aware of your surroundings – don’t wear headphones, read, talk on the phone or anything else that might distract you. If you observe anyone or anything suspicious, walk to where

- there are other people and call the police.
- Be very careful when using outdoor ATMs at night or in unfamiliar locations.

In Your Car

- Always drive with the doors locked.
- Always park in visible, well-lit areas.
- Don’t stop for stranded motorists. Instead, use your cell phone or go to the nearest telephone booth and call the police for assistance.
- Don’t open your window if someone approaches your vehicle to ask for directions, the time, etc. Keep the door locked.
- Keep any valuables in your car in the trunk or otherwise out of sight. ☼

COMMUNITY PANCAKE BREAKFAST

The ninth annual Firefighters’ Community Pancake Breakfast was held on October 13, 2007. More than 800 children and adults were served a delicious pancake breakfast and treated to a variety of exciting and educational demonstrations and displays. A total of \$4,500 was collected to benefit the Alisa Ann Ruch Burn Foundation. This year’s event included free

document shredding by Cintas. Lowe’s Home Improvement Center provided the staging area as well additional guest parking for the breakfast. In all, 242 cars lined up to shred nearly 10 tons of personal documents. DPS regularly hosts events designed to educate residents about crime prevention, fire prevention, emergency preparedness and other City services, and to hear from

residents about specific concerns in their neighborhoods. In addition, these events offer residents the opportunity to get together with their neighbors and interact with City employees and community service providers in a fun and relaxed environment. These events are made possible through partnerships with local businesses and organizations, as well as our dedicated team of volunteers. ☼

SUNNYVALE RECREATION EXPANDS MUSIC PROGRAM

With many local schools cutting back on music education programs, more and more parents are asking the City to offer more after-school and weekend music classes. The Sunnyvale Department of Parks and Recreation has responded with a veritable symphony of new music classes for children and teens, including two culturally-inspired classes you won’t find anywhere else. A new **Chinese Music** class introduces students ages 6 to 11 to contemporary and classical Chinese music, rhythms and performance styles. Students will learn to sing and perform songs in Mandarin and to play simple songs on the *erhu*, a two-stringed Chinese fiddle. For young Bollywood film fans, ages 10 to 13, **Guitar Basics Through Bollywood Music** uses mostly Hindi songs from favorite film soundtracks to teach chords and rhythm patterns. This class is also

offered for ages 14 through adult. Two new percussion classes will be offered through Groove School of Percussion at the Santa Clara Vanguard Hall. **Beginning to Groove**, for ages 7 to 11, offers a chance to play and experiment with a vast collection of percussion instruments and learn basic rhythm patterns, while **Beginning Percussion**, for ages 11 to 17, teaches drumming techniques with snare drum sticks and mallets. **Introductory Group Violin, Group Cello and Group Clarinet** classes will be offered through Melody Academy of Music at locations in Cupertino and Palo Alto. Melody Academy, which offers classes through many local cities, has a unique approach involving parents in their child’s music education. Parents learn alongside their children and do not need prior music experience. **Rock Band Ensemble** invites teen musicians who can read music and play proficiently on

the instrument of their choice a chance to learn the skills needed to be successful when joining a band, including group dynamics, composition, jamming techniques and performance skills. Also new are **Piano Keyboard Parent & Child** classes for 4 and 5-year-olds. These are taught on electronic keyboards at the Community Center by the same provider that offers Sunnyvale’s popular Piano Keyboard classes. However, unlike the classes for older children, which are like mini-private lessons, the Parent & Child class is taught as a group lesson. For a complete list of music classes and details including dates, times and prices and instrument requirements, please pick up a Sunnyvale Parks and Recreation *Activity Guide*, or visit RecreationClasses.inSunnyvale.com. If you have questions about classes mentioned here, please call the Performing Arts Coordinator at (408) 730-7725, TDD (408) 730-7501. ☼

SPRING VEHICLE TOW-AWAY

Do you have a vehicle that is taking up parking space in front of your house or in your driveway? Would you like to dispose of it at no charge? Sunnyvale residents who have a vehicle that is taking up parking space may have the vehicle disposed of at no cost during Sunnyvale’s 2008 Spring Vehicle Tow-Away. Between April 1 and April 30, residents may call the Sunnyvale Department of Public Safety (DPS) and request a pick-up appointment. Requests will be sent to a City-approved towing company, which will call residents directly to arrange for pick-up of the vehicle during the month of May. Vehicle owners must sign over ownership and turn in the vehicle’s pink slip to the approved towing company. Vehicles must be towable, with four inflated tires, and have all debris and garbage removed. Vehicles removed during the Spring Clean-up do not qualify as an IRS tax donation. For additional information on the program, contact Michelle Tani in DPS at (408) 730-7104, TDD (408) 730-7501.



SPECIAL EVENT VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

How would you like to help the City of Sunnyvale by volunteering at a fun event? There are a number of activities coming up in the next few months that could really use your help.

Community Kidz

Community Kidz is the newest version of the popular Health and Safety Camp held last year. In addition to learning about fire safety, healthy eating, bike safety, earthquake preparedness and basic first aid, the upcoming camps will add a community involvement component. Volunteers must like working with kids between the ages of 7 and 14 and want to help with a variety of activities. You can volunteer for half a day, for one full day from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., or for the entire four-day camp.

Dates: February 19 – 22 at the Sunnyvale Community Center, or April 14 – 17 at Columbia Neighborhood Center.*

Health & Safety Fair

The Health & Safety Fair Saturday, May 10 at Columbia Neighborhood Center is an annual event that promotes health, wellness, safety and community services in Sunnyvale. Service groups are encouraged to sign-up. Volunteers are needed for the following:

Setup from 8 a.m. – 11 a.m.

During the fair from 10:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.*

Cleanup from 2:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Hands on the Arts

Hands on the Arts, Saturday, May 17 at the Sunnyvale Community Center is a day-long multi-cultural arts festival for children. More than 30 artists sponsor visual or performing art workshops at the Community Center. It's a fun-filled day of art and wonder, magic, excitement, creativity and imagination. Service groups are encouraged to sign up, and you're guaranteed to have some fun.

Volunteers are needed in the weeks prior to the event to assist in preparing materials for the artists. This is a chance to meet other volunteers while helping out in a relaxed environment. During the event, these shifts are available:

All Day: 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.*

Morning: 9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.*

Afternoon: 1p.m. – 5 p.m.*

*These positions require fingerprinting by the City of Sunnyvale. Minimum age for all volunteers is 14 years old.

How to sign up

If you're interested in any of these opportunities, or would like to check out our online list, go to Volunteering.inSunnyvale.com for more information and to fill out an online application. Indicate if you would like to volunteer for one of these special events. You can also call the City's Volunteer Resources office, (408) 730-7533, TDD (408) 730-7501. ☎

ATTENTION CHILD CARE PROFESSIONALS

In partnership with the University of California, Davis Extension, the Youth, Family and Child Care Resources Program will host an upcoming training: Serving Children with Special Needs and Their Families. The training is free and academic credit is available through the University of California, Davis Extension. Part one of this two-part series will be held Saturday, January 26, and part two will be held Saturday, February, 2.

For more information on the training, visit Childcare.inSunnyvale.com or call (408) 523-8150.

COMMUNITY LIAISON SERVICE

The Community Liaison Office helps community members get information they need when dealing with City Hall, and can be especially useful in resolving complex or time-intensive issues. The liaison office links community members with City services and helps residents evaluate and work with City departments.

The liaison service has been in place since 2003, and has helped resolve issues ranging from construction noise to inconsistent street signage to ideas for improvements to City parks. In many cases, the liaison puts residents in direct contact with appropriate staff, either within the City or in outside organizations, to address the specific concerns.

For more information, contact the Community Liaison Office at (408) 730-7472, TDD (408) 730-7501, or e-mail ncs@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us.

CITY SKILLS FREE COMMUNITY CLASSES IN 2008

Created as a partnership between the City of Sunnyvale and Silicon Valley Leadership, CitySkills is a community education program that teaches how to effectively address issues with City government and take a leadership role in the community.

CitySkills has a new format for 2008, designed to better meet the needs of the Sunnyvale community. CitySkills classes will be held throughout the year on a variety of topics, including: introduction to City services, conflict resolution, a mock City Council meeting, cultural competency, study issues and budget issues. In addition to the topics listed, City staff will add new topics based on feedback. All classes, which are usually one to two hours in length, are free to the public, and everyone living or working in Sunnyvale is encouraged to attend.

If you are interested in attending CitySkills, please see the schedule below or visit CitySkills.inSunnyvale.com. You may also get additional information, or suggest a new

CitySkills topic, by contacting Nathan Truitt, Community Outreach Coordinator, at (408) 730-7472 or ntruitt@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us. ☎

UPCOMING CITYSKILLS CLASSES

**Wednesday, January 16
7 p.m. – 9 p.m.**

Cypress Room, Senior Center, 550 E. Remington Drive
Topic: Introduction to City Services and Council/Manager Form of Government
Presented by City of Sunnyvale Staff

**Wednesday, February 13
7 p.m. – 9 p.m.**

Cypress Room, Senior Center, 550 E. Remington Drive
Topic: Conflict Resolution, with an Emphasis on Neighbor to Neighbor Disputes
Presented by Silicon Valley Leadership

SUNNYVALE SCHOOL DISTRICT ANNOUNCES AMD CONTRIBUTION, PLANS TO EXPAND VITAL COMMUNITY CENTER

The Sunnyvale School District today announced plans to use a \$500,000 contribution from AMD to help upgrade and expand one of the city’s most important and successful education recreation and social services facilities – Columbia Neighborhood Center (CNC). The project’s total cost of more than \$3.5 million will be shared by AMD, the School District and the City.

CNC provides access to a variety of health and social services, academic opportunities, afterschool and recreation programs, and has housed a number of innovative programs designed to help guide at-risk youth.

“I would like to express my deepest gratitude to AMD for its long and unwavering commitment to the Columbia Neighborhood Center,” said Sunnyvale School District Superintendent Dr. Joseph Rudnicki. “For more than 10 years, children

and families in the surrounding neighborhoods have come to regard the Center as a vital, effective and positive force in this community. Now, thanks largely to AMD, CNC is getting a new and necessary lease on life to better service future generations of children and families in this great community.”

CNC was founded in 1994, when the Sunnyvale School District, the City of Sunnyvale and AMD each contributed \$1 million to establish the community center on the site of the newly-opened Columbia Middle School in North Sunnyvale. Since then, CNC has provided a range of services for youth and families residing in the economically challenged neighborhoods surrounding the Columbia Middle School campus, including healthcare and immunizations, childcare, sports programs, academic mentoring and various community-wide activities and celebrations.

CNC operates as a joint effort between the City and the School District, with both parties sharing the property and the operation costs. With the commitment of dozens of nonprofit health and social service providers and the financial support and volunteer commitment of corporations like AMD, CNC has been recognized as a model of community collaboration for other cities to follow.

“The depth and breadth of the Columbia partnership and what it has accomplished for local youth and their families is remarkable,” said Tom McCoy, AMD Executive Vice President of Legal Affairs and Chief Administrative Officer. “AMD and CNC have a long history, and we are honored to play a role in helping CNC grow and continue its good works in the community.”

For its part, AMD’s commitment has gone beyond capital investment in CNC. “AMD’s support for education and this community through the years has been truly exemplary,” Dr. Rudnicki said. “For more than 15 years, AMD has provided annual grants to both Sunnyvale and Columbia Middle Schools and has funded numerous programs aimed at improving students’ opportunities for success.”

In 2004, when a task force of School District and City of Sunnyvale officials found that the Center lacked adequate space to allow needed expansion of services, AMD was instrumental in funding a study of facility expansion options. The company has also sponsored a variety of afterschool programs, gang prevention and conflict resolution initiatives and mentoring programs aimed at improving education outcomes for students, primarily in the areas of math, science and technology.

About the Columbia Neighborhood Center

The Columbia Neighborhood Center supports and empowers youth and families so that the children of the community will develop the life skills necessary to be successful in school and beyond. CNC was developed to provide social, recreational and educational services for north Sunnyvale residents. This collaborative project between the City of Sunnyvale, Sunnyvale School District, AMD, Sunnyvale residents, and numerous community agencies was formed in the fall of 1994, concurrent with the opening of Columbia Middle School. CNC, located on a 25-acre site, includes the AMD Sports and Service Center building, Columbia Middle School, and a preschool. CNC is open to all community residents and provides a variety of services and activities year round, seven days a week, including evenings. For more information, visit CNC.inSunnyvale.com.



SUNNYVALE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATIONS

WINTER QUARTERLY MEETING
Monday, February 4, 7 p.m.
 Sunnyvale Senior Center, Sequoia Room

Are you a neighborhood association officer? Are you interested in starting an association in your neighborhood? Want to learn more about Sunnyvale’s neighborhood associations and why they are the building blocks of our community? Then attend this meeting to hear about the latest topics of interest for neighborhood associations. R.S.V.P. to Community Outreach Coordinator Nathan Truitt at (408) 730-7472, TDD (408) 730-7501 or ntruitt@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us.

GOOD NEWS FOR SUNNYVALE GARBAGE AND RECYCLING CUSTOMERS

The City Council in December 2006 approved a new rate structure that will more closely tie garbage charges to the volume of garbage collected. The new rate structure will become effective in October after the new cart sizes have been selected by residents. Other changes, such as the on-call collection for bulky items, will begin in July 2008. City officials anticipate an annual cost savings of \$269,000 to the City and its rate payers.

Sunnyvale's current system provides only two basic garbage rates for residential customers, the Baseline (32-gallon, customer-supplied container) or Unlimited (64 or 96-gallon cart supplied by the City).

The new rate structure will provide three different cart sizes – 32, 64 and 96 gallons – and tie rates

to the size of the container. By the middle of 2008, customers will be notified about the choices of garbage can sizes, rates for each size, delivery schedules and other information about the new rate structure.

Garbage rates for 2008 have not been established, but will be set following a cost-of-service study, public notification of the recommended rates and action by the City Council later this year.

Residential customers will be able to request additional garbage collection on their regular collection day on an as-needed basis by purchasing convenient pre-paid stickers.

Beginning in July, the no-charge collection service for bulky items will be changed to a more convenient service based on customer requests for collection, rather than a pre-established Citywide schedule.

These new services maximize the use of automated collection technology, which increases collection efficiency and improves customer service by providing more options. These changes will also encourage customer waste-reduction practices.

This plan also makes it possible for Specialty Solid Waste & Recycling to reduce its inventory of diesel trucks used in the all-City clean-up events, reducing truck costs and enhancing air quality.

These changes will not affect residents in apartments, condominiums or town homes that have metal on-site dumpsters for garbage collection.

For more information, contact the City's Solid Waste Program at (408) 730-7508, TDD (408) 730-7501. ♻️

EXPANDED HEALTH AND SAFETY CAMP TEACHES KIDS TO CARE FOR THEIR COMMUNITY, TOO

Sunnyvale strives to provide residents a safe and healthy community, and what better place to start than with educating the youngest members of our

community about the importance of good health habits, personal safety and community involvement? That's why Sunnyvale's Departments of Parks and Recreation and Public Safety have teamed up to offer kids a fun week-long camp that stresses staying safe, being healthy, and contributing to their community.

Last year, in a Health and Safety Camp pilot project, more than 75 kids learned valuable life skills such as basic first aid, emergency preparedness, fire safety and healthy eating through fun, engaging activities led by police and fire personnel and other children's health and safety experts. The camp was a huge hit with participants and their parents.

This year, organizers are adding a community awareness and involvement component to help students see beyond themselves and their families to recognize that they have the power to help the whole community stay safe and healthy.

"We'd like to promote the importance of being actively involved in your community, using the great resources available to you and, when you can, volunteering your time to make sure those resources are available for your neighbors, classmates and other community members to enjoy," said camp organizer Kristin Dance.

We'll be introducing the kids to our community garden, community services, and other important community establishments such as the library and our local park system,"

Like last year's Health & Safety Camp, this year's camp will include opportunities to meet firemen and police officers, see a fire truck and

police car up close, practice bicycle and scooter safety during our bicycle parade, and design a family emergency plan. In addition there will be a tour of the Department of Public Safety building, including the jail cells and crime lab, a tour of a city firehouse, and a community service project. The new action-packed camp will also have a new name — Community Kidz — and is open to participants aged 7 to 14.

The first session of Community Kidz will be held at the Sunnyvale Community Center during winter break for the Sunnyvale School District, February 19 – 22, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. A lower cost version of the camp will be offered at the Columbia Neighborhood Center over the Spring break, April 14 – 17, from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. Sponsored by the Columbia Neighborhood Center, this camp is open only to students attending Bishop, Lakewood, Fairwood, and San Miguel elementary schools and Columbia Middle School.

For information about the first session of Community Kidz at the Community Center, call (408) 730-7341 or go to Recreation.inSunnyvale.com to complete an online registration form. To register for Community Kidz at Columbia Neighborhood Center, call (408) 523-8150.

If you interested in being a volunteer at either session, you can fill out an online volunteer application at Volunteering.inSunnyvale.com. Make sure to indicate that you are interested in Community Kidz. Or call the Volunteer Resources office, (408) 730-7533, TDD (408) 730-7501. ♻️

WHAT TO DO WITH THAT OLD COMPUTER?

Residents of the City of Sunnyvale can drop off their unwanted computers at the SMaRT Station®, 301 Carl Road, free of charge. The station is open daily from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Other options for dropping off your computer for safe disposal and recycling may be found at www.sunnyvalerecycles.org.

For more information contact, the Sunnyvale Recycling Program, (408) 730-7262, TDD (408) 730-7501.



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DISPOSE OF MERCURY-CONTAINING PRODUCTS SAFELY

Does the post-holiday season find you with a stock of new gadgets and a cache of old batteries or other household extras that you need to dispose of or recycle?

The City of Sunnyvale provides several options for safe disposal of unwanted household products that contain hazardous materials.

This winter's post-holiday season is an especially good time of year to look for and dispose of unwanted household items containing mercury. Common household items that may contain mercury include:

- Fluorescent light bulbs and tubes
- Household batteries
- Thermometers (containing mercury)
- Thermostats

Disposal and Recycling Options for Sunnyvale Residents

Curbside: Household batteries can be recycled at curbside. Put items in a heavy-duty, sealed plastic bag and place on top of recycling cart.

SMaRT Station®: Fluorescent bulbs or tubes may be taken to the SMaRT Station, 301 Carl Road, daily, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m., no charge.

Local Retail Shops (for fluorescent bulbs and tubes): Numerous retail stores in Santa Clara County are now accepting fluorescent bulbs and tubes at their stores during regular business hours. For a complete list, visit the *Mercury Education* link under *Household Hazardous Waste* at www.bbw.org.

START THE YEAR OFF RIGHT BY GREENING YOUR OWN BACK YARD

It's easy to turn your yard trimmings and food scraps into a rich soil amendment that helps produce healthy plants, reduce the use of water and pesticides – great advantages for a healthy environment. Every month, from January through October, expert gardeners and master composters conduct free workshops in Sunnyvale and throughout Santa Clara County to show residents how to make their own compost.

The slower growing season is a great time to begin learning. Compost workshops are held the third Saturday of the month, except November and December, at the Community Center Heritage Building, 550 E. Remington Drive, 10 a.m. – noon. The next workshop is January 19. Compost bins are sold for \$28 to Sunnyvale residents who have attended a workshop (limit one per household). You may either register online at www.sunnyvalerecycles.org or by calling (408) 730-7262.

USING THE CITY OF SUNNYVALE'S HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE PROGRAM

Bring your mercury-containing products (thermostats, thermometers) and other hazardous household waste to a Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off event in Sunnyvale, held monthly (except December) on the third Saturday.

NEXT EVENT DATES

January 19
February 16,
March 15

Hours: 8 a.m. – 1 p.m.
No appointments required for Sunnyvale residents.
Location:
164 Carl Road, Sunnyvale

Other items accepted at a Household Hazardous Waste event includes, pesticides, insecticides, herbicides, flammable or combustible liquids, fire extinguishers, paints, household cleaning and pool products. For more information about the Household Hazardous Waste Program call (408) 730-7262.

Businesses with small quantities of hazardous waste may be available to participate in a county drop-off program by appointment only. A fee will apply. Call (408) 299-7300 for details.

Planning Your HHW Drop-off Trip

- Make sure that all materials are in the original container or carefully contained in a non-leaking sealed container.
- Do not mix materials
- Follow the 5/50 per trip practice

— make the trip to a drop-off event when you have the maximum allowable quantities of five gallons or 50 pounds per trip.

- “Shop” after the drop — Some dropped-off materials are available at no charge for reuse. To “shop” for dropped-off products, stop by the event site between 1:30 p.m. – 2 p.m. at a scheduled drop-off event.

Reduce the Use

Other practices that you can follow to help both create a safe environment in your home and the larger community include:

- Carefully planning your project and buying only what you need.
- Reading labels and choosing the least toxic product.
- See more about less toxic products by visiting www.sunnyvalerecycles.org.

HOLIDAY TREE RECYCLING

Holiday trees will be collected at curbside for residents with single family curbside (split cart) recycling service. If you live in an apartment or town house, contact your property manager or association for tree recycling options.

To prepare your trees for curbside recycling service, just follow these simple steps:



1. Remove tree stands, tinsel, and other decorations. Please note: Do not wrap tree in plastic.
2. Cut the tree into four-foot or shorter lengths.
3. Place the tree in or beside your yard trimmings cart at curbside. Flocked trees are okay.

Call the Sunnyvale Recycling program at (408) 730-7262, TDD (408) 730-7501, if you need more information.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

January 1 – March 31, 2008

Community Calendar also available online: www.sunnyvale.ca.gov/events

In addition to City-sponsored events, the Community Calendar includes non City-sponsored events. Events posted to this calendar do not necessarily imply endorsement by the City of Sunnyvale. The calendar serves as an information-only resource for the community. All dates and times are subject to change.

City Holidays

January 1
City Offices Closed
(in observance of New Year's Day)

January 21
City Offices Closed (in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day)

February 18
City Offices Closed
(in observance of Presidents Day)

City Meetings

City Council: Meets most Tuesdays at 7 p.m., Council Chambers, 456 W. Olive Ave.

Arts Commission: Meets on the third Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m., Council Chambers, 456 W. Olive Ave.

Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission: Meets on the third Thursday of the month, 6:30 p.m., Council Chambers, 456 W. Olive Ave.

Board of Building Code Appeals: Meetings are held only when necessary. For more information call (408) 730-7444.

Board of Library Trustees: Meets on the first Monday of the month, 7 p.m., Council Chambers, 456 W. Olive Ave.

Child Care Advisory Board: Meets on the fourth Tuesday of each quarter, 1 p.m., West Conference Room, 456 W. Olive Ave.

Heritage Preservation Commission: Meets on the first Wednesday of every other month, 7 p.m., West Conference Room, 456 W. Olive Ave.

Housing and Human Services Commission: Meets on the fourth Wednesday of the month, 7 p.m., West Conference Room, 456 W. Olive Ave.

Parks and Recreation Commission: Meets on the second Wednesday of the month, 7 p.m., Council Chambers, 456 W. Olive Ave.

Personnel Board: Meets on the third Monday of the month, 5 p.m., Council Chambers, 456 W. Olive Ave.

Planning Commission: Meets on the second and fourth Monday of the month, 8 p.m., Council Chambers, 456 W. Olive Ave.

Recurring Community Meetings and Events

American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) Monthly Meeting: Meets the first Wednesday of the month, 1:30 p.m., Sunnyvale Senior Center, 550 E. Remington Drive. For more information contact Nellie Durand, (408) 296-3805.

Business Mixer: Evening networking events held at 5 p.m., every fourth Thursday of the month. For more information or to make a reservation, contact the Sunnyvale Chamber of Commerce, (408) 736-4971.

Farmer's Market: Saturdays (rain or shine), 9 a.m. – 1 p.m., S. Murphy Ave. between Washington and Evelyn Avenues. For more information call (510) 745-7100 or visit www.urbanvillageonline.com/sunnyvale/index.html

Fair Oaks Toastmasters: Meets Sundays, 11:30 a.m., Fair Oaks West Club, 655 S. Fair Oaks Ave. For more information contact Hanh Chau, (408) 251-2521, bcbau1@aol.com or visit www.geocities.com/fairoakstoastmasters .

Glaucoma Support Group Of The South Bay: Meets the fourth Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m., Camino Medical Group Urgent Care Center; Conference Room #2, 201 Old San Francisco Road. For more information contact Sally Twestens, Health Education Department, Camino Medical Group, (408) 523-3221 or Chris Saleh, Moderator/Founder, (408) 404-8479.

Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off: Drop-off at Sunnyvale Event Site (164 Carl Road), 8 a.m. – 1 p.m., Held on the third Saturday of every month (except December). For more information call (408) 730-7262, TDD (408) 730-7501.

Kiwanis Club of Silicon Valley Weekly Meeting: Meets Wednesdays, 7:20 a.m., Lookout Inn, 605 Macara Ave., (Sunnyvale Golf Course). For more information contact Bruce Carlson, (408) 774-0609 or bruce@carlsonfun.com.

Wake-Up Sunnyvale: Monthly networking breakfasts held every second Thursday of the month at 7:30 a.m. For more information or to make a reservation please contact the Sunnyvale Chamber of Commerce, (408) 736-4971.

Neighborhood Association Meetings

Heritage District Neighborhood Association Meetings: Meets the first Friday of each month, 7 p.m., Murphy Park Building, 260 N. Sunnyvale Ave. For more information, please call Tom Carrig, (408) 736-6147.

Lakewood Village Neighborhood Association Meetings: Meets the second Thursday of each month, 7 p.m. (except December), Fairwood School or Lakewood School – please visit the Lakewood Village Neighborhood Association web site for locations at www.lvna.net. For more information, please email Michael Majchrowicz, president@lvna.net.

San Miguel Neighbors Association Meetings: Meets the second Monday of each month, 7 p.m., San Miguel School Teachers' Lounge, 777 San Miguel Ave. For more information, please call Tara Martin-Milius, (408) 733-5778 or taramil@sbcglobal.net.

SNAIL (Sunnyvale Neighbors of Arbor Including La Linda): Meets the first Thursday of each month, 7 p.m., Columbia Middle School Teacher's Lounge, 739 Morse Ave. For more information contact Jim Quaderer, (408) 737-9479.

Classes and Programs

Compost Workshop, Sunnyvale Community Center Arboretum, 10 a.m. – noon. Workshops are one Saturday per month with registration deadline the day before. For more information, call the Recycling Program at (408) 730-7262, TDD (408) 730-7501.

January 2008

City Council Meetings: Please note the 2008 City Council meeting schedule will be approved and posted in January. City Council meets most Tuesdays at 7 p.m., Council Chambers, 456 W. Olive Ave.

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City Offices Closed
(in observance of New Year's Day)

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Heritage Preservation Commission Meeting, 7 p.m.

January 3
SNAIL Neighborhood Association Monthly Meeting, 7 p.m.

January 4
Heritage District Neighborhood Association Monthly Meeting, 7:30 p.m.

January 5
Farmer's Market, 9 a.m.

January 6
Fair Oaks Toastmasters, 11:30 a.m.,

January 7
Board of Library Trustees Meeting, 7 p.m.

January 9
Kiwanis Club of Silicon Valley Weekly Meeting, 7:20 a.m.

Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting, 7 p.m.

Lakewood Village Neighborhood Association Monthly Meeting, 7 p.m.

January 7
Wake-Up Sunnyvale, 7:30 a.m.

January 12
Farmer's Market. 9 a.m.

Evenings of Cultural Arts Presents – Baguette Quartette, 8 p.m., Sunnyvale Theatre, Sunnyvale Community Center, 550 E. Remington Drive. To purchase tickets or for more information, call (408) 733-6611.

January 13
Fair Oaks Toastmasters, 11:30 a.m.,

January 14
San Miguel Neighbors Association General Meeting, 7 p.m.
Planning Commission Meeting, 8 p.m.

January 16
Kiwanis Club of Silicon Valley Weekly Meeting, 7:20 a.m.
Arts Commission Meeting, 7 p.m.

January 17
Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

January 19
Farmer's Market. 9 a.m.
Compost Workshop, 10 a.m.
Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off, 8 a.m. – 1 p.m.

January 20
Fair Oaks Toastmasters, 11:30 a.m.,

January 21
City Offices Closed (in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday)

January 22
Child Care Advisory Board, 1 p.m.

January 23
Kiwanis Club of Silicon Valley Weekly Meeting, 7:20 a.m.

Glaucoma Support Group Of The South Bay, 6:30 p.m.

January 24
Business Mixer, 5 p.m.

January 26
Farmer's Market. 9 a.m.

Serving Children with Special Needs and their Families – 9 a.m. The Youth, Family and Child Care Resources Program, in collaboration with UC Davis Extension, are offering this free class to child care providers. Space is limited. For location of classes and to register, contact Monica Guerra at (408) 523-8150, ext. 22.

California Theatre Center presents – The Adventures of Tom Sawyer, 11 a.m. For more information or to purchase tickets call (408) 245-2978 or visit www.ctcinc.org .

January 27
Fair Oaks Toastmasters, 11:30 a.m.

January 28
Planning Commission Meeting, 8 p.m.

January 30
Kiwanis Club of Silicon Valley Weekly Meeting, 7:20 a.m.
Housing and Human Services Commission Meeting, 7 p.m.

February

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Farmer's Market. 9 a.m.

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<p>February 3 Fair Oaks Toastmasters, 11:30 a.m.</p> <p>February 4 Board of Library Trustees Meeting, 7 p.m.</p> <p>Sunnyvale Nieghborhood Associations Winter Quarterly Meeting, 7 p.m. Sunnyvale Senior Center, Sequoia Room. For more information, call Nathan Truitt at (408) 730-7472, TDD (408) 730-7501 or ntruitt@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us .</p> <p>February 6 American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) Monthly Meeting, 1:30 p.m.</p> <p>Kiwanis Club of Silicon Valley Weekly Meeting, 7:20 a.m.</p> <p>February 7 Wake-Up Sunnyvale, 7:30 a.m.</p> <p>SNAIL Neighborhood Association Monthly Meeting, 7 p.m.</p> <p>February 8 Heritage District Neighborhood Association Monthly Meeting, 7:30 p.m.</p> <p>February 9 Farmer’s Market. 9 a.m.</p> <p>California Theatre Center presents – Cinderella, 11 a.m. For more information or to purchase tickets call (408) 245-2978 or visit www.ctcinc.org .</p> <p>Evenings of Cultural Arts presents – Patrick Ball, 8 p.m., Sunnyvale Community Center Theatre, 550 E. Remington Drive. To purchase tickets or for more information call (408) 733-6611.</p> <p>February 10 Fair Oaks Toastmasters, 11:30 a.m.,</p> <p>February 11 Planning Commission Meeting, 8 p.m.</p> <p>February 12 San Miguel Neighbors Association General Meeting, 7 p.m.</p> <p>February 13 Kiwanis Club of Silicon Valley Weekly Meeting, 7:20 a.m.</p> <p>Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting, 7 p.m.</p> <p>Lakewood Village Neighborhood Association Monthly Meeting, 7 p.m.</p> <p>February 16 Farmer’s Market. 9 a.m.</p> <p>California Theatre Center presents – Cinderella, 11 a.m. For more information or to purchase tickets call (408) 245-2978 or visit www.ctcinc.org .</p> <p>Sunnyvale Community Players presents – Pippin, 8 p.m. For more information or to purchase tickets call (408) 733-6611 or visit www.sunnyvaleplayers.org .</p> <p>Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off, 8 a.m. – 1 p.m.</p> <p>Compost Workshop, 10 a.m.</p> <p>February 17 Fair Oaks Toastmasters, 11:30 a.m.,</p> <p>February 18 City Offices Closed (in observance of President’s Day)</p> <p>February 20 Kiwanis Club of Silicon Valley Weekly Meeting, 7:20 a.m.</p> <p>Arts Commission Meeting, 7 p.m.</p> <p>February 21 Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) Meeting, 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>Business Mixer, 5 p.m.</p> <p>February 23 Farmer’s Market. 9 a.m.</p> <p>Sunnyvale Community Players presents – Pippin, 8 p.m. For more information or to purchase tickets call (408) 733-6611 or visit www.sunnyvaleplayers.org</p> <p>February 24 Fair Oaks Toastmasters, 11:30 a.m.,</p>	<p>February 25 Planning Commission Meeting, 8 p.m.</p> <p>February 27 Kiwanis Club of Silicon Valley Weekly Meeting, 7:20 a.m.</p> <p>Glaucoma Support Group Of The South Bay, 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>Housing and Human Services Commission Meeting, 7 p.m.</p> <p>March</p> <p>City Council Meetings: Please note the 2007 City Council meeting schedule will be approved and posted in January. City Council meets most Tuesdays at 7 p.m., Council Chambers, 456 W.s Olive Ave.</p> <p>March 1 Farmer’s Market, 9 a.m.</p> <p>California Theatre Center presents – The Cay, 11 a.m. For more information or to purchase tickets call (408) 245-2978 or visit www.ctcinc.org .</p> <p>Sunnyvale Community Players presents – Pippin, 8 p.m. For more information or to purchase tickets call (408) 733-6611 or visit www.sunnyvaleplayers.org</p> <p>March 2 Fair Oaks Toastmasters, 11:30 a.m.,</p> <p>March 3 Board of Library Trustees Meeting, 7 p.m.</p> <p>March 5 Kiwanis Club of Silicon Valley Weekly Meeting, 7:20 a.m.</p> <p>American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) Monthly Meeting, 1:30 p.m.</p> <p>Heritage Preservation Commission Meeting, 7 p.m.</p> <p>March 6 Wake-Up Sunnyvale, 7:30 a.m.</p> <p>SNAIL Neighborhood Association Monthly Meeting, 7 p.m.</p> <p>March 7 Heritage District Neighborhood Association Monthly Meeting, 7:30 p.m.</p> <p>March 8 Farmer’s Market, 9 a.m.</p> <p>California Theatre Center presents – The Cay, 11 a.m. For more information or to purchase tickets call (408) 245-2978 or visit www.ctcinc.org .</p> <p>Sunnyvale Community Players presents – Pippin, 8 p.m. For more information or to purchase tickets call (408) 733-6611 or visit www.sunnyvaleplayers.org</p> <p>March 9 Fair Oaks Toastmasters, 11:30 a.m.,</p> <p>March 10 Planning Commission Meeting, 8 p.m.</p> <p>March 10 San Miguel Neighbors Association General Meeting, 7 p.m</p> <p>March 12 Kiwanis Club of Silicon Valley Weekly Meeting, 7:20 a.m.</p> <p>March 12 Lakewood Village Neighborhood Association Monthly Meeting, 7 p.m.</p> <p>March 12 Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting, 7 p.m.</p> <p>March 15 Farmer’s Market, 9 a.m.</p> <p>Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off, 8 a.m. – 1 p.m.</p> <p>Compost Workshop, 10 a.m.</p> <p>California Theatre Center presents – The Raven’s Tale, 11 a.m. For more information or to purchase tickets call (408) 245-2978 or visit www.ctcinc.org</p> <p>Evenings of Cultural Arts Presents – Sasha Dobson, 8 p.m., Sunnyvale Community Center Theatre, 550 E. 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For more information, call Manijeh Khazeni, (408) 736-6310.</p> <p>SNAP (Sunnyvale Neighborhoods Actively Prepare) Program The Sunnyvale Office of Emergency Services works with our citizens to prepare them for catastrophic emergencies such as fires, earthquakes or other natural and man-made disasters that can be applied in the home, school, neighborhood or wherever needed in Sunnyvale. A new schedule of classes is coming in the fall. For more information call Cherel Sampson, (408) 730-7190 or SNAP@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us</p> <p>Water Pollution Plant Tours Sign up for a tour of the Sunnyvale’s Water Pollution Control Plant. To schedule a tour or for more information call (408) 730-7717.</p> <p>SMaRT Station® Tours See how garbage and recyclable materials from Mountain View, Palo Alto and Sunnyvale are processed and sorted for recycling at the Sunnyvale Materials Recovery and Transfer Station. Tours are available by appointment and are appropriate for persons 8 years of age and older. To schedule a tour or for more information call (408) 752-8530 or www.sunnyvalerecycles.org.</p> <p>SMaRT Birding Tours The City has collaborated with the Santa Clara Valley Audubon Society to offer free one-hour bird-watching tours at Sunnyvale’s closed landfill. Interested parties should meet at noon on the first Wednesday of the month at 1444 Borregas Ave., north of Caribbean Drive, in Sunnyvale. For additional information, please call Silviana Ruiz, (408) 730-7545 or sruiz@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us.</p> <p>Community Calendar Online Events.inSunnyvale.com</p>
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